



St Damian's Catholic Church

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WEEKENDS

Saturday Evening: 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 8am & 10am

WEEKDAYS

Monday: no Mass

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 7.00pm Mass & Novena

Thursday: 9.15am

Friday: 9.15am

First Saturday: 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5pm and during monthly Holy Hour

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11.30am after Mass.

Preparation 1st Wednesday each month at

5.30pm in the Dunlop Room. Parents should

contact the Parish Office to make necessary

arrangements. One month notice is required.

ST. DAMIAN'S SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs Rosanna Piccolo

Telephone: 9467 8566

Email: principal@sdbundoora.catholic.edu.au

HOLY HOUR

One hour of Novena and Benediction after morning Mass on first Friday of the Month.

MARRIAGES

Those intending to marry at St. Damian's should arrange to meet the Parish Priest at least 6 months in advance of the proposed date.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

All enquiries: 1300 305 330

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 13th August 2023

READING

1KGS 19:9, 11-13

Rom 9:1-5:1

Mt 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK

Is 56:1,6-7

Rom 11:13-15,29-32

Mt 15:21-28

PSALM

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

FEAST DAY DURING THE WEEK

Mon 14th August: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Tue 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION!

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia

Recent Deaths: Zeina Taouk,

Anniversaries: Frank and Nazarena;
Anandan Pulle

Agnes Perries, Christ Shatha,
John Anandan Pulle,

Mallika Dias,
Vincenzo D'Atri

Sick: Anita Gentile,
Virginia

Joven Mercado,
Michael Mac Manus

Paul Long,
Gina Roxas

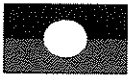
Dennis Razal,

Louisa,

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people

As required by law, we as the Church and Parishes have a moral, legal and ethical responsibility to care for, and promote the wellbeing of children and young people, and protect them from harm or abuse. Therefore while in church or on parish grounds: **Please ensure you know exactly where your child is if they're not beside you. *Please accompany your child (16 years and younger) if they need to leave the church for any reason (eg: going to toilet or car, etc...)*

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the WURUNDJERI People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



Sunday Gospel Reflection for the 19th in Ordinary Time – Year A

Shalom brothers and sisters,

We are on the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time; the Mother Church joyfully reminds us that Jesus our Saviour is always close to us. He calms the storms of our life. He lifts us from the depths and restores our peace. The presence of the storm, and all that it represents totally make us confused, and afraid in life.

There is something interesting about today's readings. This is simply the fact that, all the three great figures and personalities: Prophet Elijah, St. Paul, and St. Peter we encountered in today's readings were in one way or the other embattled. As such, their peace was threatened.

First, Prophet Elijah was fearful, and running away from Ahab and his wicked wife Jezebel, who wanted him dead at all costs. **Second**, St. Paul was ravaged by sorrow and anguish due to the unbelief of his *"fellow brothers of Israel."* This was a great burden that threatened his peace of mind. **Third**, St. Peter was sinking right in front of Jesus, due to fear, his lack of faith and courage. This is the dilemma of our lives. In one way or the other, our peace is threatened.

Our first reading, the embattled prophet Elijah encountered God, and his peace was restored. A very significant lesson for us in this reading is that, when we are internally calm and away from the distractions of life, we hear God speak to us. To say that God spoke to Elijah after the gentle breeze, is simply to say that Elijah experienced peace of mind.

Our second reading, St. Paul expresses his grief for his people. This was because, they rejected the good news. His sadness and grief were so great that he lamented: *"I will willingly be condemned, if it could help my brothers."* In other words, he was not at peace because of their situation.

Our today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples experienced the storm of their life, and Jesus was available to calm it, and equally, restore their peace. Storms are part and parcel of our human existence. They are inevitable in this world, just as the waves are inevitable in the sea, and death is inevitable to us.

Finally, as Christ said to Peter, so he also says to us today: *"Courage! Do not be afraid, it is I."* So, all we need to do is to trust Him, and keep walking without the fear of sinking. Like Peter, we must step out with faith and courage against the storms of our life. Therefore, let us hold on firmly to Jesus, who calms our storms and restores our peace. Amen!

Fr Joe Dong Tran PP

Rosters for 19th & 20th August 2023

Mass Time	Reader/Responder	Eucharist / Welcome	Piety Shop	Counters	Readers/ Responders Eucharist / Welcomers, . .
5.30pm	M. Joyce J. Mercado	M. Jones M. Kanniah D. Mash	J. Barone	B. Keating T. Garcia	Please gather
8.00am	O. Carvalho Sr. Nelia	C. Fitzgerald V. Smith M. Beverley	A. Brammer	Supervisor	together in
10.00am	M. Han J. Sobey	N. Cardamone W. Mc Eleney R. Sacco	K. Vandenhoven	M. Jones	the
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What's on at St. Damian's Parish & beyond. . .



Dear Volunteers,

I write to invite you – for all new as well as existing volunteers of the Eucharistic Ministry and Minister of Reading, who come for a short **TRAINING SESSION**. It will be held on **Saturday August 19th from 10.30am - 11:15am** in the Church. A light cuppa afterwards in the Dunlop Room. I'm looking forward to meeting you all. Thank you!

New Website for St Damian's Parish

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

I'm so pleased to inform you all that we have a new website now for St. Damian's Parish. Please see the link below.

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/bundoora>

Or, if you want you just need to type the title:

ST DAMIAN'S PARISH, BUNDOORA.

P/s: Please contact me, or ring our parish office to let us know if you have Ideas to decorate our parish website better. Much appreciated!

Piety Shop

The Piety Shop is open after each weekend Masses – via the church foyer. We have a various selection of stock with gifts suitable for **COMMUNION, BAPTISM, ROSARY**, and Inspirational items, including bookmarks, pins, and plaques are also available. We also have items suitable for seasonal prayer or devotional use including medals prayer cards featuring popular Saints and Novena Booklets. You're all invited to pop in. Thanks!

FATHER'S DAY COLLAGE

To honour our fathers and grandfathers, both past and present, near and far, we request our parishioners to send in Photos of your fathers and grandfathers which will be included in a Photo Collage and projected after Communion at Masses on Father's Day (03/04 September). All photos sent in will be deleted after use in the Photo Collage. Please email your photos to **bundoora@cam.org.au** or, **dong.tran@cam.org.au** by Tuesday 29 August. Due to the time required to prepare the presentation, Photos will be unable to be included after this date.

The first 60 photos sent will be included in the Collage so please send your photos in early for conclusion.

Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 15th August:

The solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, two Masses:

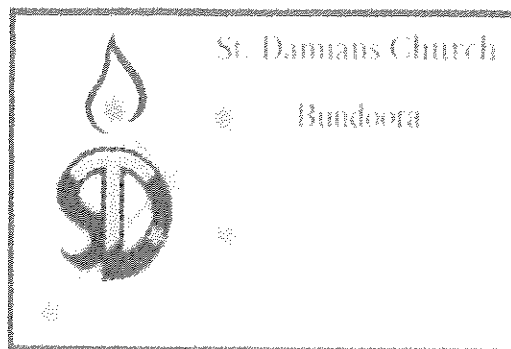
9:15am school Mass, however parishioners are welcome and 7pm community Mass.

LADIES LUNCH

The next ladies lunch is on Tuesday 15th August. All ladies of our Parish are warmly invited to join us at Watsonia RSL at 12 Noon. If anyone should need transport that can be organized.

Contact Sarita to book or for any enquiries

9467 2531 or 0434581948



St Damian's Parish

57th Year Feast Dinner Dance

Saturday

16 Sep
2023

at 6:00 PM

Loyola Companions Hall

325 Grimshaw St, Watsonia VIC 3087

Music: Smooth Rhythm Band -
Couples For Christ (Live Music), plus DJ

\$60 – Adults

\$25 - Children under 8

Free - under 4

Attire - Smart Casual

Prizes are to be raffled during the night.

Proceeds will go to the Parish
Solar Panel installations

St Damian's Parish Prayer

Lord, our God, your parish family thanks you for the faith we all share.

Make us a people who care for one another and may we have a genuine concern for the wider community.

Help our parents to give good example;
Give our children the grace of love and respect.
Fill our youth with wisdom, hope and vision;
Their Leadership is the future of our Church and our Nation.
To our sick— grant health;
To those of advancing years—serenity;
And to those in sorrow— your peace and joy.

Lord, our God, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.
Jesus, nourish us with your Word and Eucharist.
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:

“Lord, it is good for us to be here.”

This is our home, be with us as we continue to build your kingdom on earth.

St Damian Pray for us

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